

hearts will tell you. Enough to say the church at home has been benefited, Leave that for the present; come with me to see what the general work of the S. S. C. E. presents which also is yours to keep up.

You are asking, what has it accomplished in the past year? I answer just what you as local bands and individual sisters have been loyal enough to do. But I too am very eager to know what figures Conference will show not only of home work, but especially for the national organization. Yet it will be impossible to get a satisfactory statement of the years work, unless you, my sisters, will see at once that your July remittance has been sent to our treasurer. It is possible that the remittance blank did not reach you, and if so enclose the sum amounting to ten cents a member, with a letter stating for which purpose you desire it to be used and send it to Sister Augustine South Bend, Indiana. Be sure too that your report blanks are properly filled out and returned as directed. This cannot be put off else it will come to late and your society will be omitted and our report incomplete. Dear Sisters, you want to have order and system in this, the Masters special work, as well as in your house work. It is not less urgent.

Let every society, if possible be represented at National Conference. Before choosing your delegates read the 8th and 9th sections, article ii of new constitution. Sec. 8. "Each local society is entitled to one delegate for every member or fraction thereof." Sec. 9. "Each local society shall pay a fee fifty cents for the first delegate sent, and twenty-five cents for each additional delegate." Each delegate is to be provided with the proper credential. Since we have no sales table any more, the free will offering mentioned in the 7th section comes in to take its place. No matter how small a contribution your treasury can afford, it will help, for pennies make dollars. Let me suggest that your free will offering that you bring to Conference be given for the Theological fund.

When you get on the Conference grounds find Sisters Perry and Augustine, the secretary and treasurer and they'll be ready to give any help and to receive your contributions.

I will mention yet one other matter and that is the silk quilt. Unless you make a special effort to finish the block at once and send it with some one to Conference, the quilt cannot be completed this year. You'll remember the object is the theological fund and that of its own weight ought to impell us to act.

Before coming to Conference let the delegates get the sentiment of the home society in regards to state organization, and be ready to speak for them when this subject is under discussion. Come prepared to take active part in the business meetings. Come with your heart filled with a zeal and enthusiasm that shall inspire you sister workers.

Come with a kind helpful word for the sister who has been almost disheartened in her efforts as president to keep her society active. Withal bring a loving forbearing spirit that when the vote goes contrary, the heart can say, "It is well." Come with the loving missionary spirit of Jesus. Come!

VIANNA DETWILER.

Washington, D. C.

Gravelton, Ind.

Our Sisters' Society met at the church in Gravelton last Wednesday afternoon. The attendance was better than usual; we had become almost discouraged fearing that our society would have to disband, but we now thank God and take courage. We think the society a great help in our church work. It brings us closer together and closer to Christ. Dear sisters, let us show our love for Christ and for the church and for one another by keeping up our society. It has been the means of doing much good in many ways and therefore should have the support of all Christians.

MARGARET CLARK.

Treasurer's Report of the S. S. C. E., for the Month of June

THEOLOGICAL FUND	
Godfrey, Kans., S. S. C. E., offering,	\$ 3 62
Williamstown, Ohio, S. S. C. E.,	1 00
Amanda and Vina Snyder, on pledge,	1 00
Mrs. Louisa Wise,	1 00
Mrs. Nellie Correll,	1 00
Mrs. Ellen Roush,	1 00
Miss Alice Greely,	1 00
Caroline Smith,	1 00
John Keim,	1 00
Mrs. John Keim,	1 00
Sadie Keim,	1 00
Ellie W. Keim,	1 00
Kate Hershberger,	1 00
A. Meese,	1 00
Rebecca A. Knoll,	1 00
Mrs. Ida Phillips,	1 00
Jacob L. Lichty,	1 00
Balance,	\$19 62
HOME MISSIONS	
Reported,	\$103 20
Williamstown, Ohio, S. S. C. E.,	1 00
To Treasurer of N. M. B.,	10 00
Balance,	\$94 20
SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND	
Reported,	\$119 11
Miss Ida A. Simmonds, on pledge per Mrs. Leslie,	1 00
North Liberty, O., offering per Mrs. M. J. Wise,	2 40
Glenford, Ohio, "	2 85
Ankenytown, O., "	2 60
Middlebranch, O., "	15
Withdrawn for Holsinger fund,	10 00
" Nicholson "	5 00
Balance,	\$113 11
HOLSINGER FUND	
From S. M. F.,	10 00
To Brother Holsinger,	10 00
NICHOLSON FUND	
From S. M. F.,	5 00
To Brother Nicholson,	5 00
ALICE E. AUGUSTINE	
R. R. 3., South Bend, Ind.	

Our Young People

Like Heaven

JOHN STERLING

When you hear of good in people—tell it.
When you hear a tale of evil—quell it,
Let the goodness have the light,
Put the evil out of sight,
Make the world we live in bright,
Like to heaven above.

You must have a work to do—pursue it,
If a failure, try again—renew it,
Failure spurs us to success,
Failures come, but come to bless,
Fitting us for righteousness,
In the heaven above.

Do the woes of life surround you—face them.
Do temptations hover 'round you—chase them.
He who ruleth over all,
He will help you, tho you fall,
Gladly hears you when you call,
From his heaven above.

Have you any wrong to right—right it
Do you have a sin to fight—fight it.
God, himself, will help you win,
Let his Spirit enter in,
Making right the heart within,
Fit for heaven above.

—New York Observer

DAILY PRAYER:—Psalms 34:1-22

"I Will Make it the Rule of My Life to Pray Every Day"

Topic for August 25.

Perhaps at no point has the Christian Endeavor pledge been more helpful than in bringing thousands of young people to regular habits of daily prayer and Bible reading.

What would it mean for Christ and the kingdom if all would live up to this rule? Prayer and Bible reading are to the spiritual life what meat and drink are to the physical life.

History does not reveal one great saint who has not been great in prayer. Time may do away with many religious superstitions and wrong ideas about the Bible and prayer, but the book will never cease to be an inspiration to all who love God, and prayer must be an increasing means of communicating with him.

The "Quiet Hour," that is an hour each day set apart for prayer and Bible reading, has come to be a blessing to thousands who have adopted it as a rule. The effort of the young people's societies for deeper spiritual life can have no firmer basis than such a rule.

May this lesson not pass without the societies of the Brethren church doing something in this direction. Such a habit of devotion should not be made the subject of boast or publicity but a committee of one or more can quietly enroll the names of those who will be willing to try the plan of the Quiet Hour.

SCRIPTURE HELP

Let each of the following scriptures be given to some one with the question to be answered in the meeting. "What does this scripture teach us about prayer? If the person reading the scripture does not bring out the thought in it let the leader or pastor or other competent person do so.

- 1 Regular daily prayer, Ps. 56:17; Ps. 5:3.
- 2 Prayer a means of strength, Matt. 26:41.
- 3 Constantly in the spirit of prayer, I Thess. 5:17; I Tim. 2:8; Rom. 12:12.
- 4 With thanksgiving, Col. 4:2.
- 5 With obedience, Prov. 15:29; Jas. 5:16; Matt. 11:25.
- 6 In humility, Matt. 6:57; Matt. 23:14.
- 7 The Spirit's help, Rom. 8:26; Jude 20.